

Assistance for Dam and Levee Owners

If a dam or levee is owned by a governmental entity or certain not for profits (conservancy district, etc.)

Repairs may be made under three funding sources:

- 1) FEMA Public Assistance Program - will pay for the repair of dams and levees that are not army corps of engineers units. Match limitations apply as with any other PA funding. 75% federal funding 25% local match
- 2) US Dept of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – funding available for dams, levees and log jams that are not Army Corp of Engineers Units. Will also fund some stream bank stabilization. In both cases the item to be repaired must be impacting public health and safety. Governmental entity must contact county USDA Resource Conservation Specialist. 75% federal funding 25% local match.
- 3) US Army Corps of Engineers – funding is available to repair adversely impacted corps funded dams or levees.

If a dam or levee is owned by a private entity or individual

Repairs may be eligible under the USDA NRCS

- 1) Dam, levee, log jam or stream bank must be endangering multiple homes, businesses, etc.
- 2) Individual or organization must be sponsored by county commissioners. County government or the individual or group must provide the 25% match.
- 3) To access funding application, requestor must go to the county USDA office with a county commissioner who will be required to sponsor the project.
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Currently the USDA is working with 36 projects for close to 1 million dollars under the immediate urgent repairs. USDA engineers will assess the damages and determine the urgency of the repairs.

The only challenge is getting the local match funds. For the USDA turn around is very quick once an application has been submitted.